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1. FRANCE: Major political crisis predicted--US Ambassador Bruce in Paris expresses the view that because of the continuing "crisis atmosphere" and the unsettled basic differences between the parties participating in the Government, it is difficult to foresee how a new government crisis can long be averted. The Ambassador adds that France is still in the throes of a basic political readjustment, which was in no way furthered by the formation of the Bidault Cabinet. Bruce concludes that when a crisis occurs, the formation of a new coalition will be made even more difficult by inter-party resentments and fundamental social and economic differences between the parties.

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